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PULPWOOD VOLUME TABLES FOR SECOND GROWTH BLACK CHERRY. SUGAR MAPLE, AND BEECH IN NORTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA 7.163

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During the course of a pulpwood cost study conducted by the Forest Service on lands of the Armstrong Forest Company near Johnsonburg, Pennsylvania, the peeled cubic-foot volumes, to a 4-inch top, of all trees above certain minimum diameters on 5.1 acres of adjactent plots, were determined. The stand studied was a well stocked mixture of black cherry, sugar maple, and beech, 43 years of age, site 1.

These data apply only to stands in the 40-45 year age class, since the height diameter relationships of Allegheny hardwoods are known to differ with age. The regression method of analysis was used to determine the relation of peeled merchantable cubic-foot volume in 52-inch sticks to tree diameter, inside bark. These data were converted to diameter o. b. by use of Allegheny National Forest bark thickness curves. Errors of estimate amounted to 14% for black cherry, 12% for sugar maple, and 17% for beech.

The results are shown in alinement chart form and should only be applied in similar local stands.

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